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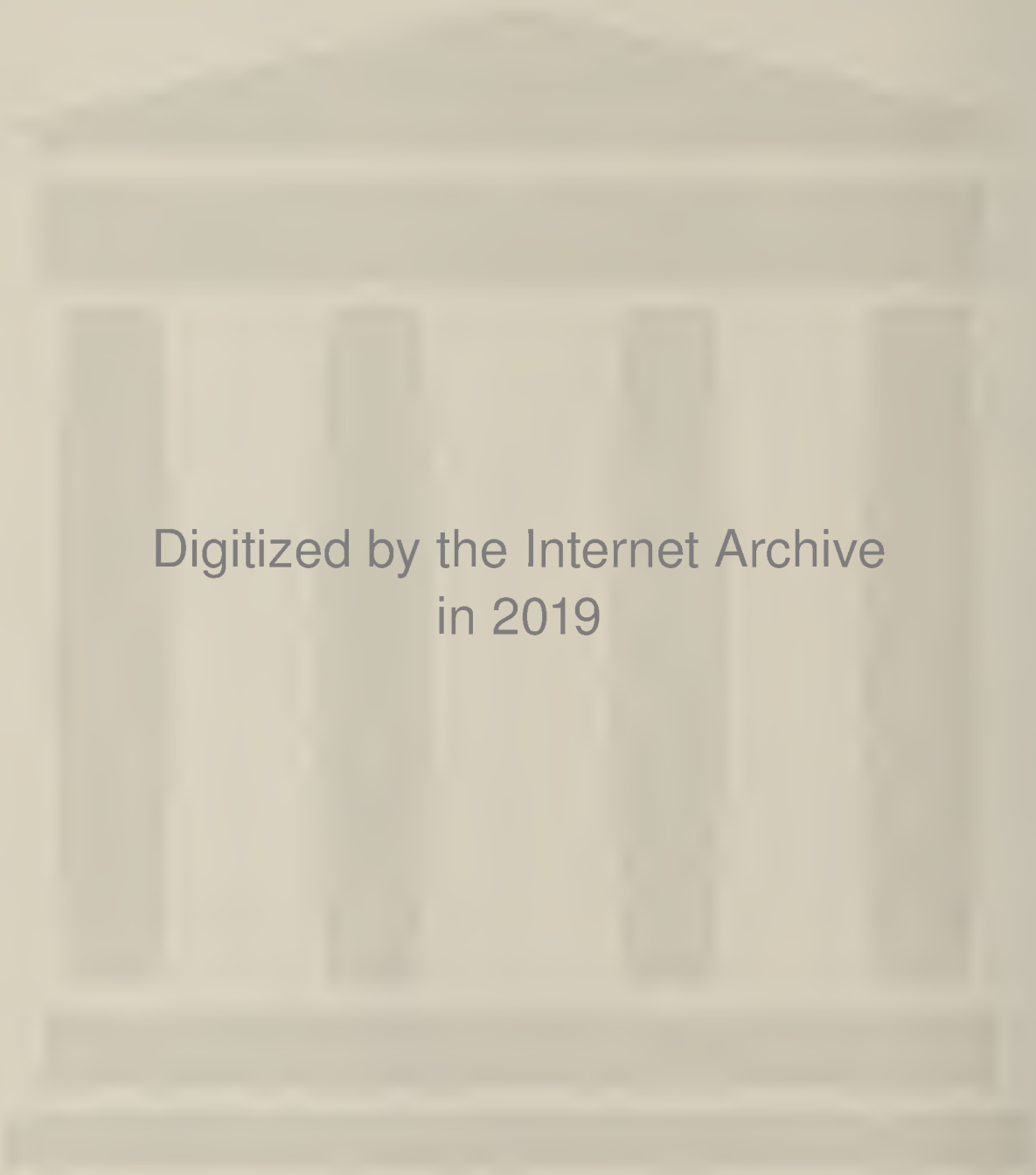
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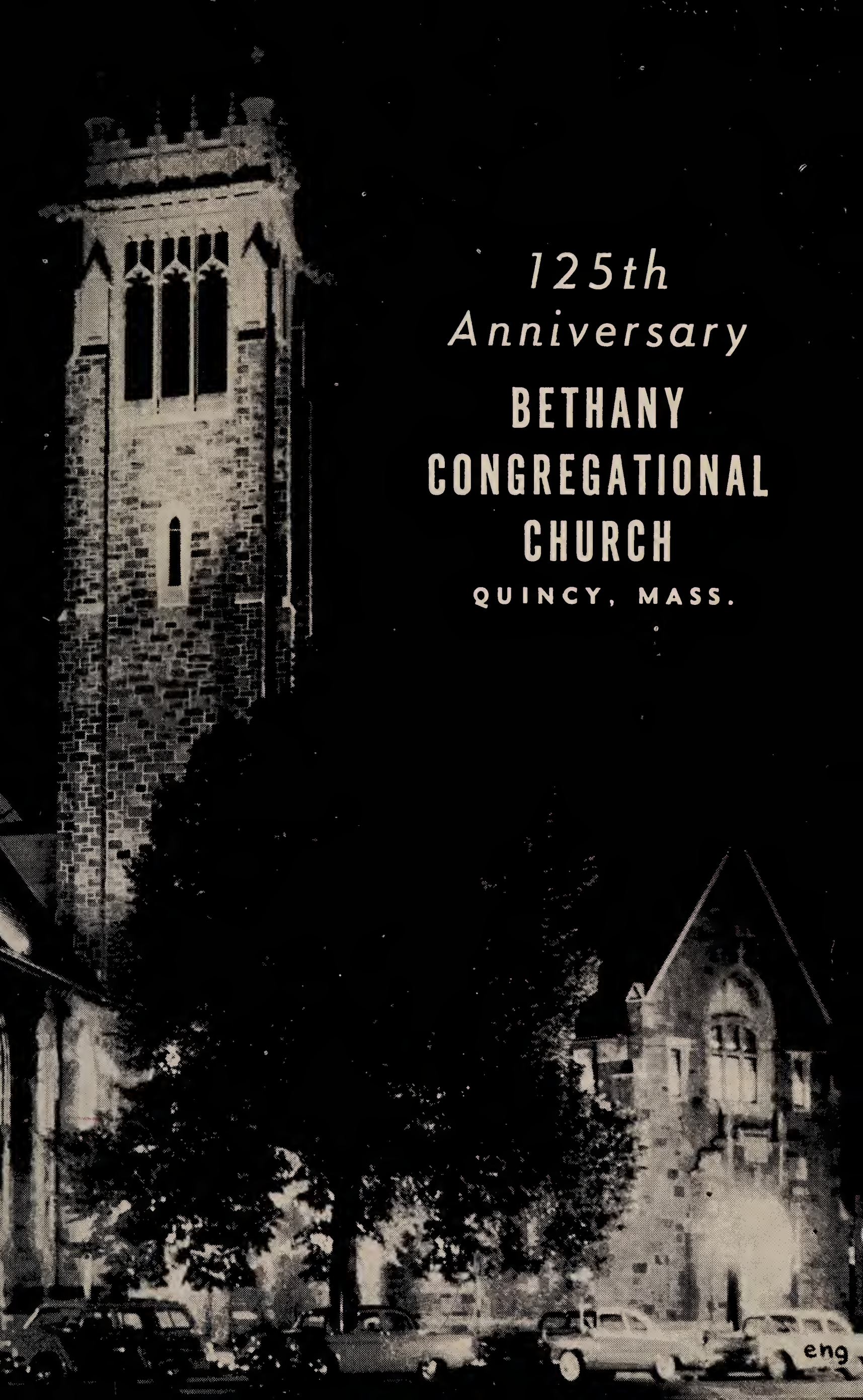


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*125th
Anniversary*

**BETHANY
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

QUINCY, MASS.

Bethany of Quincy

1832 - 1957



Bethany Congregational Church

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

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Foreword

“Come unto me . . . ”

For 125 years Bethany Church has extended that invitation in the name of the Divine Physician. This anniversary book reviews the spiritual results as thousands have responded to the call of Christ.

It is a story shot through with the enduring worth of God's work done through human hands.

True to its mission as a unit in the Church of Christ, Bethany continues to *offer* a place for worship and service, a fellowship for solace and inspiration.

To the continuance of its divine task it *invites* Christians of all ages.

Bethany *presents* its record of the years, grateful for the witness and example of its builders.

May readers find here their inspiration to make the future bright with “Glory to God . . . and on earth peace, goodwill to men!”

JOHN D. BANKS,
Minister



Bethany offers . . .

WORSHIP in which common prayer and scriptural preaching are accompanied by inspiring music. Two Sunday services, midweek devotions, and seasonal observances of Christian significance bring families together for prayer and praise. The Gothic sanctuary is also the scene of many inter-church services.

EDUCATION for children, youth, and adults, using biblical themes with lessons applied to everyday problems. Graded classes meeting in a spacious parish house, are taught by specially trained teachers. "Family services" bring parents, teachers, and children together in church. "Christian Faith and Life" curriculum is used throughout.

FELLOWSHIP in age-groups for children, youth, and adults. Seven days per week the church is busy with meetings for scouts, women's groups, recreational teams, dramatic, and youth organizations. Here the newcomer finds a "second home" with Christian friends.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES for practical expression of Christian love and faith. Through a growing program of missions, evangelism, teaching, and community service all participants in Bethany's life are able to give personal testimony to the gospel of love.

AID for those distressed in body, mind, or soul. Pastoral counselling and calling, attention to the ill in home or hospital, are available at all hours. Bethany cooperates with the Protestant Community Service of Quincy in providing extensive personal and family aid.

Bethany invites YOU

“COME TO BETHANY”

Where more than a thousand families participate in many varied activities.

Where over 600 children gather each Sunday for religious instruction and take part in weekday programs.

Where numerous organizations of young and old enjoy Christian fellowship and service in the cause of Christ.

“FOR THIS INDEED IS BETHANY”

A powerful force for good in Quincy and its vicinity.

An honored institution with the rich heritage of a century and a quarter of working and building for the furtherance of God's kingdom.

A modern church in every respect with a forward-looking plan and purpose.

“YES, BETHANY INVITES YOU”

Come and worship and enjoy our fellowship.

Come and serve along with a consecrated group of men and women.

Come and give your fellow members the benefit of your opinion and advice in carrying on a truly congregational church where the congregation is the governing body.

TO ALL OF THIS

“BETHANY INVITES YOU”

And here within these hallowed walls, rich in Christian tradition, where even now, history is in the making

Find solace from the turmoil of a troubled world as you reflect quietly, humbly, reverently,

on the Glory and the Grandeur of the Divine Plan
and thereby acquire a new source of strength
and inspiration for your personal enrichment
and satisfaction in serving the Great Cause to which
Bethany is dedicated.

AND NOW —

On this 125th Anniversary
*In devout appreciation for
Divine Guidance through the years . . . and
In tribute to the men and women
who have helped make possible all that we
have today*

BETHANY PRESENTS

The Honor Roll of Years

1832—A MOMENTOUS YEAR!

Formation of what is now Bethany Church was begun. A course of religious lectures started in 1831 in Quincy listed the Reverend Lyman Beecher, father of Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe as one of the guest preachers in the Town Hall, then located on Hancock Street just south of the Hancock Cemetery where the present Central Building retains some of that original structure.

A “paper” dated March 9, 1832 was circulated expressing the opinion that it was “expedient that measures be taken to secure stated Orthodox preaching in this town” and that “a Religious Society be legally constituted to be called the Evangelical Congregational Society in Quincy.” There were fifteen signers of this paper as follows:

Nathaniel Pittee
John Burrage
Loring Whitney
Clifton Hadley
Sylvanus Buntin
Josiah Hutchins
Jesse Buntin

John Prescott
Benjamin R. Downes
Daniel M. C. Knox
John D. Thayer
Timothy W. Ricker
John Ricker
John Parker

Nathaniel Pittee, Jr.

The first meeting of the Society was held April 5, 1832 at the Temperance House of Benjamin R. Downes, which stood on the northeasterly corner of Hancock and Elm Streets on the site of the former Brackett’s Tavern (the site now obliterated by recent street widening). It was operated as an inn or tavern and was dedicated to the cause of temperance. Its sign displayed inverted rum bottles. The building after 1835 passed through several hands and eventually became the home of Dr. and Mrs. John F. Welch. Their daughter, Miss Morjorie Welch, is a present member of Bethany.

On May 5, Mr. George Hardwick agreed to give the Society the "use of a chamber over his store," which offer was accepted. This chamber was Union Hall over the Hardwick store located close to the present site of the Quincy Savings Bank, in a building which in later years (by the 1850's) housed the postoffice. Services were held in Union Hall with the Reverend Mr. Fiske of Wrentham preaching the first sermon there on June 10, 1832. The first regular preacher was the Reverend T. Field.

An Ecclesiastical Council convened August 16, 1832 at the home of Mr. Benjamin R. Downes with the pastor and a delegate each from the Green Street Church, Boston, The Evangelical Congregational Church, South Boston, The First Church of Charlestown, the First Church in Dedham, and the First Church in Wrentham.

The Reverend Mr. Fay of Charlestown served as Moderator, and the Reverend Mr. Burgess of Dedham as Scribe. After appropriate devotional services, 16 women and 5 men, 21 devout pioneers in Quincy's church life, entered into a mutual covenant to form the Evangelical Congregational Church of Quincy. "It was a tender and impressive hour; some spectators wept."

Signers of the Covenant were:

Nathaniel Pittee	Mary Hardwick
Nathaniel S. Spear	Sarah Pratt
Cotton Pratt	Susan Nightingale
William Pratt	Louisa Nightingale
John Burrage	Sarah Hardwick
Mary Baxter	Hannah Porter
Lois Spear	Prudence Saville
Esther Spear	Lucy Marsh
Nancy Burrage	Mehitable Page
Widow Mary Trask	Jane S. Trask
Mrs. Tamar Pittee	

1832-1834

No settled minister was chosen, but the Reverend Stephen S. Smith followed Mr. Field as supply minister. Mr. Smith was engaged for the six months from October, 1832 to April, 1833 for \$300, and continued for some months after April. The Massachusetts Congregational Conference records list his services in Quincy as those of a "home missionary."

The Society appointed a Building Committee on October 24, 1833 composed of Charles Hardwick, Jr., George Spear, Cotton Pratt, Nathaniel Pittee, Henry L. Pratt, John Hardwick, Thomas Hardwick. Later, Loring Whitney and Benjamin Newcomb were added. On January 21, 1834 the

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“draft of the house procured by the Committee” was approved by adding “5 feet to the length and moving the desk from the front to the opposite side of the house.”

This building, “its tall spire which rose from the front of the building being a sort of landmark, for it could be seen from a long distance,” was located at the corner of Hancock Street and Revere Road, the latter then known as Canal Street, and was to serve as a church home for nearly forty years. After it was disposed of in 1873, it housed Quincy’s first public library for a few years, and then it became a recreation center known as Hancock Hall.

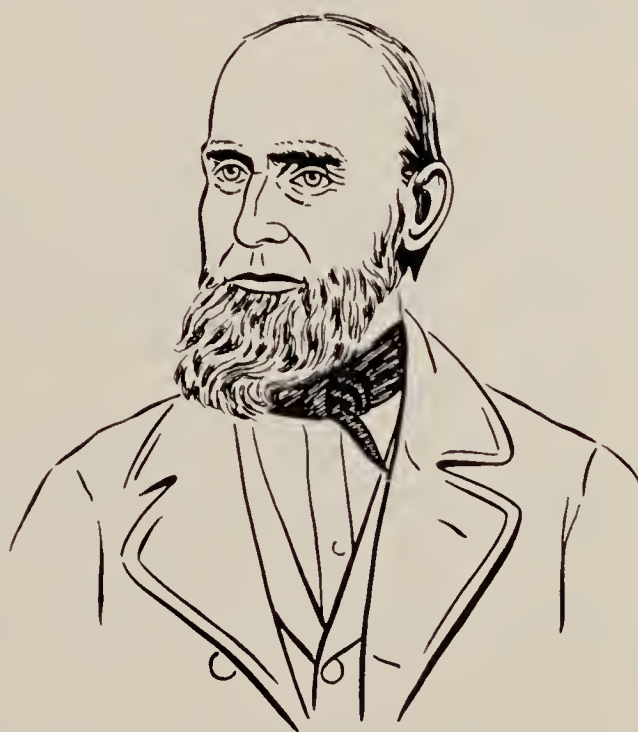
1834-1836

The new meeting house was dedicated August 20, 1834, and the Reverend William M. Cornell was installed the same day as the first settled minister at a salary of \$600 per year, “he to agree to relinquish \$100 of it the first year provided we find it difficult to obtain it.”

On September 2, 1834, it was voted that all persons wishing to become members of the Society “shall first become members of a Temperance Society: or promise that they will not manufacture, vend, or use Ardent Spirits as a drink, or provide it as an article of luxury, or entertainment for their friends.”

Evidence of early attention to religious education is seen in action taken November 7, 1834 when Robert Steele was appointed “keeper of the Sabbath School Library.” In 1837 the library contained 137 books, and increased in 1838 to 193 “including question books.”

The report of the Building Committee in 1836 lists “cost of house throughout, \$2,341.19.” One of the annual budgets shows total of \$76 for upkeep of building including “fuel, \$5,” perhaps an overestimate because the only fuel item in the later financial account was for “coal” at \$4.26.



THE REV. WILLIAM M. CORNELL

Drawn by Robert S. Reinelt from the frontispiece in “Recollections of Ye Olden Times” by Dr. Cornell.



FIRST CHURCH BUILDING 1834 - 1871

Committee responsibilities included one to “provide seats for strangers” and one to “assist Trustees” in fixing up the grounds by “moving out the Fence on the line,” and “setting out trees.”

Financial matters became an early problem, it “being necessary to raise money in some other way than selling pews.”

Lucy Marsh was the first member recorded as being thanked by the Society for a substantial gift evidently much needed and gratefully received.

At the 1836 Annual Meeting it was voted “to purchase the lot of land south of the meeting house and also east of the same . . . to enlarge the yard around the meeting house.”

1837-1839

The records of May 8, 1838 tell of an inquiry “to see if the Society should think it best to use gas in lighting the House instead of oil.” Later items in the financial account show purchases of gas, presumably what was known as Pintsch gas such as was used in railroad cars before electricity.

A detailed report on finance for the period April 1, 1839 to April 1, 1840 shows cash on hand \$4.35, receipts, \$483.19, making available \$487.54, all of which was expended, largely for “ministerial service.”

Mr. Cornell, a native of Berkley, Mass., came to Quincy from a pastorate in Woodstock, Conn., and continued his

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pastorate here until July 8, 1839 when he was "dismissed" because of poor health. (The term "dismissed" was very generally used to designate termination of ministry. It did not mean "discharged," but merely signified that the minister was given permission to sever connections with the church).

Mr. Cornell, a man of strong convictions and religious zeal, was accused of making critical statements about the lack of religious spirit in Quincy and of casting aspersions on the moral and religious character of townspeople.

In town meeting a committee was appointed with former President John Quincy Adams as chairman to investigate the situation, and after considerable controversy the tense feelings were relaxed, and Mr. Cornell soon returned to the good graces of his fellow citizens since he was elected town moderator a few years later, and became the chairman of the school committee. He conducted a very successful private school at his home on School Street.

He regained his health and went on to lead a full and active life. He studied medicine, attending lectures at Harvard and three other colleges, received an M.D. degree in 1844, and later practiced in Boston. Western University granted him an LL.D. in 1863, followed by a D.D. from Jefferson College in 1865. He wrote numerous books including "Recollections of Ye Olden Times," in which he recorded much of the religious history of Quincy in his time. Other books of his covered such subjects as the "History of Pennsylvania" and a "Grammar of English Language." Mr. Cornell passed away in Boston, April 14, 1895, and was buried in North Weymouth.

1840-1849

Several supply ministers served until January 28, 1841, when the Reverend William Allen was ordained and installed as settled minister and continued serving until August, 1849 during which time church growth required the addition of 20 more pews.

Early social action was evident when, in 1841, the church passed resolutions condemning slavery as "contrary to the spirit of the gospel of Christ and under all circumstances a sin."

On June 7, 1842 a bell weighing "1282 pounds at 25c a pound" was purchased.

On November 7, 1842 it was voted to "grant the use of the meeting house for lectures on the subjects of temperance and Abolition of Slavery."

On April 13, 1846 a committee was named to "select hymn books for social meetings." In 1848 it was voted "to pay \$9 to \$10 for use of organ."

On April 1, 1849 "paid Geo. W. Hardwick for Organ \$100."

1850-1859

The Reverend Nelson Clark, a native of Vermont, was installed on January 2, 1850. Unfortunate misunderstandings arose over the minister's salary. Some of the members followed Mr. Clark to the town hall for Sunday services and the meeting-house was closed for a short period. A committee set up to report on the dispute published a 32-page printed brochure giving pros and cons, documented with letters and other records—a report which for detail would do credit to a modern Congressional investigation. This controversy was the second and last such lively episode in the church's history, the first being already indicated as the Cornell investigation.

After leaving Quincy, Mr. Clark held pastorates in the West. He passed away in Iowa in 1880.

In 1853 a committee to procure a new organ sold shares valued at \$25 each. Twelve members bought 21 shares, totalling \$525, "which sum including the old organ was \$25 more than required." By a special vote, one member was granted the "privilege of taking 3 shares instead of 2."

1859-1862

The Reverend Joseph Henry Thayer, who served as supply minister for about six months in 1859, helped mend the break resulting from the Clark controversy. Just out of Harvard and Andover Theological, and not yet ordained, he declined an invitation to become a settled minister, eventually teaching at Andover and Harvard. He received honorary degrees of Doctor of Sacred Theology from Harvard, Yale, and Princeton, and a Doctor of Letters from the University of Dublin. While Mr. Thayer was teaching at Harvard, a future Bethany minister, the Reverend Eric I. Lindh, attended his classes.

Following Mr. Thayer, the Reverend Oliver P. Brown served as a stated supply for about two and a half years until May, 1862.

In 1860 the death of Mr. Thomas Reed, organist, required the Parish Committee to consider a new organist and to agree to pay Mr. C. Reed fifty dollars for services for the next year.

March 23, 1866 voted: "that the Parish Committee be authorized to make such changes in the singing seats as they may think best."

1862-1867

The Reverend Edward Payson Thwing was installed November 19, 1862, and served during the Civil War years until June 24, 1867. Here in church records appear very

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significant accounts of activities of the women of the parish. It was becoming apparent that there was a great need of a new building, but "there was little wealth among our people." "A ceaseless agitation" was started by the women. They held a mammoth three-day fair, against advice of the men, and a "handsome sum was raised" toward a new building, and enough added to the treasury to begin the drive with \$1500.

Records of activities of Bethany women date back to 1864 when the Hancock Street Juvenile Missionary Society was formed "to promote an interest in the missionary work and by the industry and contributions of its members to aid the cause at home and abroad." The first president was their minister, the Reverend Edward P. Thwing; vice president, Deacon Elbridge Clapp; and treasurer-secretary, Miss M. Elizabeth Hardwick, later to become Mrs. William E. Alden. They made comfort bags for the soldiers, met socially, and enjoyed the reading of an "original paper" one copy of which was designated by the secretary as "an excellent number though apparently written by our correspondent in quite a variety of styles."

March 18, 1867: "Paid to N. J. Pierce, organist, \$10, G. H. French, ditto, \$50, Eliza C. Hardwick, ditto, \$25, to C. Reed, ditto, \$26.44."

December 9, 1867 voted: "that the Parish Committee be instructed to engage and contract with Mr. H. B. Brown and lady to conduct the singing for one year for the sum of \$250."

1868: "Brown and wife, professors of music" were secured for another year.

Mr. Thwing later traveled extensively in Europe and Asia and wrote on many subjects as varied as "Facts About Tobacco," and "Outdoor Life in Europe." His son and daughter served as missionaries in China. He died May 9, 1893, in Canton, Mass.

1868-1873

Plans for the new building were perfected during the pastorate of the Reverend James E. Hall, who was installed April 16, 1868. The Building Committee bought land on what is now the site of the Strand Theatre on Chestnut Street, but a better location became available on the corner where the South Shore National Bank now stands, so the committee sold the first lot and then purchased the Packard property.

July 19, 1871: "Church completed and dedicated July 19, 1871, the whole cost about \$36,600. The old meeting house and land sold for \$3700 to Thos. A. Whicher. The old bell is to be placed in the new bell tower."

The new building was described as "centrally located, convenient in its arrangements, and in all its surroundings cheerful and inviting." It also was faithfully reported that "it cost a struggle," but "the sacrifice was cheerfully met and all indebtedness soon removed."

The first organ in this second church building, moved there from the first meeting house was located in the gallery where the choir sat.

In 1868 the Ladies' Social Circle was organized, its chief objective "to aid by the appropriation of its funds in providing a suitable house for public worship." The first meeting at the house of Mrs. Elbridge Clapp recorded membership of 42. Of these, 30 were ladies! Any gentleman could become an honorary member of the circle by paying one dollar a year. Officers for 1868-1869 were president, Mrs. Sara Prince; vice president, Mrs. J. E. Hall; secretary-treasurer, Miss M. E. Hardwick.

On one occasion, December 3, 1868, the ladies met at the Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers to sew for the 200 children of the Home "as the smallest cannot go out in the winter for want of proper clothing." Thus began a benevolent project at Bethany which through the years has been continued by the church school in their gifts of money and food at Thanksgiving.

In 1873 the Circle was re-organized. At first the meetings were held in the homes and such special events as "sociables," a Harvest Festival, an Old Folks' Concert, or a Quilting Party were many and varied, the group becoming so popular that meetings had to be held in the chapel.

Until March 18, 1872 the Parish Committee had included music among church affairs in general, but now it was voted "to choose a committee on music to have charge of whatever may be necessary that we may have the service of song well sustained in the sanctuary." Miss Packard was organist.

1874-1895

Twenty-one years spanned the devoted service of the Reverend Edward Norton, installed June 16, 1874 and retired July, 1895. His was the longest active pastorate in the history of the church, and he continued as Pastor Emeritus from the time of retirement to his death in 1921. His parishioners helped him realize a life-long ambition when they gave him a leave of absence to make a trip to the Holy Land. When he returned, he drew freely from his experiences in bringing the story of the Bible lands to his congregation.

After his retirement from active pastoral duties, he was frequently heard as supply minister in Wollaston, Atlantic East Weymouth, Randolph and South Braintree pulpits. He

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SECOND CHURCH BUILDING 1871 - 1928

died in Quincy, August 1, 1921. A plaque in the 1927 sanctuary commemorates his pastorate.

The horses and carriages tied up in the open sheds in the rear of the church on the Chestnut Street side presented a regular Sunday morning scene, though not many members were rich enough to own such transportation and almost everybody walked to church.

1875 voted: "to adopt the custom . . . of choosing deaconesses."

1878 (From the Church Manual): There were 152 members, 136 resident members.

June 4, 1882: A member was dropped from the church roll for the "sale and use of intoxicating drinks."

May 6, 1883: "A glorious day for this church. Twelve persons (4 male and 8 female) whose ages ranged from 14-82 stood up and publicly avouched the Lord to be their God."

April 3, 1884: "The water closet cost to be around \$100 and subscriptions still don't total this."

May 10, 1885: "Considered purchase of a new organ . . . proceeds to be derived from sale of portion of this land (60 foot frontage on Chestnut Street) as voted March 17, 1884 towards payment of new organ to be completed by November 15, 1885."

Prior to the establishment of any Protestant Church in West Quincy, our church women conducted a mission there which became the nucleus of the West Quincy Methodist Church.

Many barrels of clothing were sent by the Ladies' Circle to the foreign mission field during these years. A "Lady Washington" reception and supper was sponsored by the Circle to purchase "a good Chickering Piano priced at \$150." Renovating the minister's room in 1885 formed a lively topic of discussion. The committee was instructed "not to exceed in expenditures for that purpose the \$50 in the treasury."

On November 5, 1885 "the Ladies' Sewing Circle at Mrs.

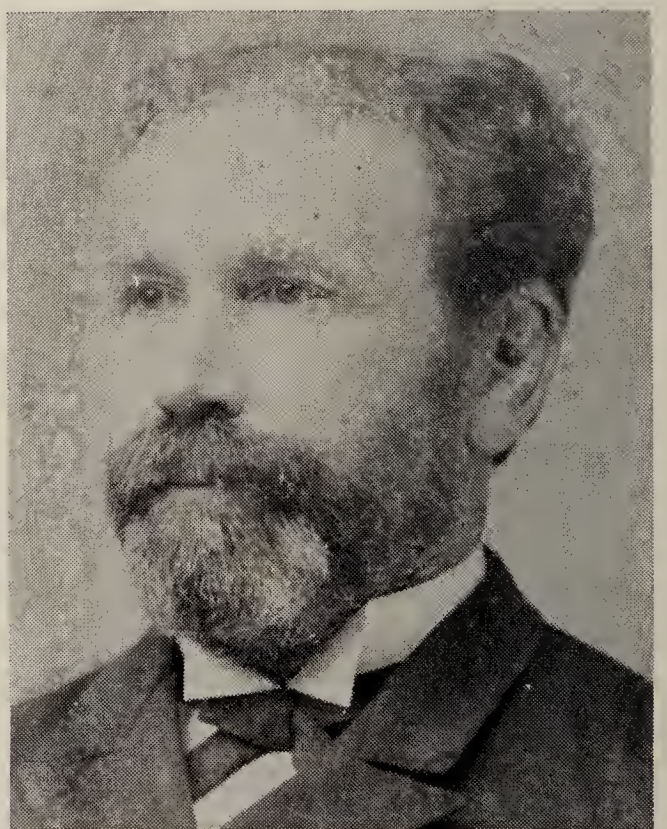
Fields was rather thinly attended." When they held their numerous money-raising suppers, the ladies had to hire or borrow dishes and cutlery and use one small stove in the kitchen. Soon afterward, however, they were able to purchase silverware, to give \$50 for a new organ for the church and \$100 for church expenses, \$100 for insurance, and \$50 toward painting the church.

The name of Mrs. Theophilus King appears as an officer in 1876 and there is hardly a year for over 30 years when she did not serve either as an officer or director of the women's work. The first social of 1876 was held at her home and she continued entertaining the ladies of the church at the opening meeting of the year's work for nearly 40 years.

May 24, 1886: "Asked organ shareholders to relinquish their shares to the society and committee to dispose of the old organ to the best interest of the parish."

In June, 1886, the Music Committee of five members requested \$500 from the Finance Committee for "chorister and organist." They engaged Mr. C. C. Bradford of Westerly, Rhode Island, and invited several sopranos, seven altos, four tenors and five baritones to attend rehearsals. Among those invited was A. L. Hayden, who was destined thereafter for more than fifty years to sing "the Palms" at each Palm Sunday morning service. Laura Hayward was also invited. Laura and Cora, her sister, were later to endow the 1927 building with the organ.

In November the Music Committee arranged to pay for "blowing the organ during one hour practice period" and requested the pastor "to ask the congregation to stand during each hymn at Sabbath morning service." Choir rules stated that "social communication during services be avoided." The Prudential Committee found the cost of \$150 for a new motor more than could be afforded. A choir clam bake on July 3 required "special cars (trolley, of course) and six pies." The first soprano was informed that her fare between Boston and Quincy would be paid and that entertainment between services on Sunday would be provided for her beside the regular salary of two dollars a Sunday.



REV. EDWARD NORTON

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March 21, 1887: "Organ committee reported the organ had been put in and would be used the first Sunday in September. Also secured a water motor to blow the organ bellows . . . sold the old organ to B. E. Guy for \$226."

The new pipe organ was installed in the right front corner of the sanctuary as viewed from the congregation.

March 14, 1888: Total members noted as 216 ("net gain of 64" in 10 years.)

1891: Fourth reunion, supper, social hour and Annual Meeting. Bro. C. W. Carter was elected superintendent of the Sunday School followed by Dr. C. T. Sherman (upon Carter's moving from the city).

1892: Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting — (social part omitted). Benevolences totaled \$1300, and the American Missionary Society, American College and Education Society, American Board of Missions, Little Wanderer's Home, Hampton Institute of Virginia, and City Hospital were listed among the recipients.

April 8, 1892: Voted to have free seats.

March 20, 1893: "Bought new singing books for the Sunday school in the chapel and Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor, the young people paying their proportion of the bill."

March 20, 1893: "Considered changing lighting from gas to electricity."

April 20, 1893: Sixtieth Annual Meeting of about 200 persons . . . "in the midst of a drizzling rain" included again the social hour and supper "provided by the ladies."

April 21, 1893: (special meeting) "To accept and adopt the Church History prepared by the Committee and have it printed in a Manual."

December 30, 1894: "The new \$8,000 addition to the Congregational Church was dedicated to the purposes for which it was erected. Mr. Norton referred to the ladies of the church whose labors with those of Deacon Smalley built the chapel."

The Unity Circle of King's Daughters, part of a national organization, was formed at Bethany on November 13, 1893 by two Bible School classes with Mrs. Mary Tabor, Mrs. T. H. Watson and Mrs. Theophilus King as leaders. The group, still active at Bethany, helps to sponsor Camp Wampatuck, a summer camp for young people, Gordon Rest home at South Hanson, and the Pond Home for elderly people at Wrentham.

The church building was unique in Quincy with its two steeples, one 123 feet high on the main sanctuary, the other, 50 feet high on the new chapel.

The courage of the small group of women now called "The Chapel Builders," was indomitable, for on October 2, 1890, at a meeting at the home of Mrs. King, with 17 present, a large attendance, they contemplated "an undertaking . . . immense in its proportions financially," namely, the enlargement of the chapel. The ladies felt that it could be accomplished in spite of the \$1.25 in the treasury! In 1893, with "cash on hand" plans for renovation were soon under way, and, in 1894, they turned over to the building committee \$932.69. In 1893 they voted to have a fine of five cents for all "who remain away from the sewing meetings, and a charge of five cents if one works on his own work."! In 1895 the group was reorganized as the Harmony Circle with Mrs. Helen F. Fitts as president.

During these years of growth the women installed a gas range and instantaneous hot water heater in the kitchen; heard personal experience papers by its members such as one on "London" by Mrs. William E. Alden; and purchased in June, 1912, 300 hymn books, raising money by means of basket lunches and church sales, the forerunner of the present Church Fair.

April 24, 1895: "An informal discussion of the subject of Individual Communion Cups was held but no action was taken on the matter." "Out of our present membership of 298 many will be surprised to know that 260 have joined the Church since the Reverend Edward Norton began his work among us, while only 38 remain who were members of the Church before that time."

November 8: "Voted to adopt the Individual Cup."

1895-1912

Dr. Edwin Noah Hardy, who served from October 31, 1895 to May 15, 1911 is known to and beloved by present-day, long-time Bethany members not only for his fine sermons, but also for his friendly, pastoral visits. Many of his calls were made on a bicycle, the cycling pastor becoming a familiar figure in the highways and byways of Quincy.

March 18, 1895: "Voted that this meeting and all future meetings of the parish be opened with prayer."

"Charles H. Hardwick estate leaves 40 shares of Quincy Electric Light and Power Company at \$100 par value."

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"The Society accepts the legacy of George R. Smalley estate of about \$4,600."

A new milestone in the history of the church was reached in 1896, when the name was changed from Evangelical Congregational Church to Bethany Congregational Church and the church incorporated under that name.

During the fall and winter of 1896-97 a Training School for Christian Service was held, with weekly sessions, September to March, "To increase and unify the knowledge of the Bible and to provide better equipment for personal work."

January 3, 1897: Attendance at Bible School was 382.

January 19, 1898: There were 400 present at the supper for the annual meeting.

In 1898 the choir was disbanded, and a quartette formed. Mrs. Jennie Hocking Hunt was given authority to select and arrange music and direct the quartette.

The first Music Committee meeting in 1900 was spent in "discussing how to make five hundred dollars go as far as seven hundred and fifty, the amount required to pay the expenses of a quartette." A chorus for Easter and a guest violinist were discussed, but the guest was out of the question—no funds.

In 1901 Mr. John O. Hall, Jr. was elected chairman of the Music Committee and Mrs. A. L. Hayden secretary. Her notes report a discussion on the forming of a training class for the choir. A subscription paper circulated by Mrs. John F. Welch allowed the quartette to continue through June. Mrs. Welch succeeded Mrs. Hayden as secretary on January 7, 1902 and then Mrs. Welch became chairman on January 30. The quartette was retained.

January 15, 1902: Clerk's report showed 364 members.

January 21, 1903: Clerk reported a membership of 386.

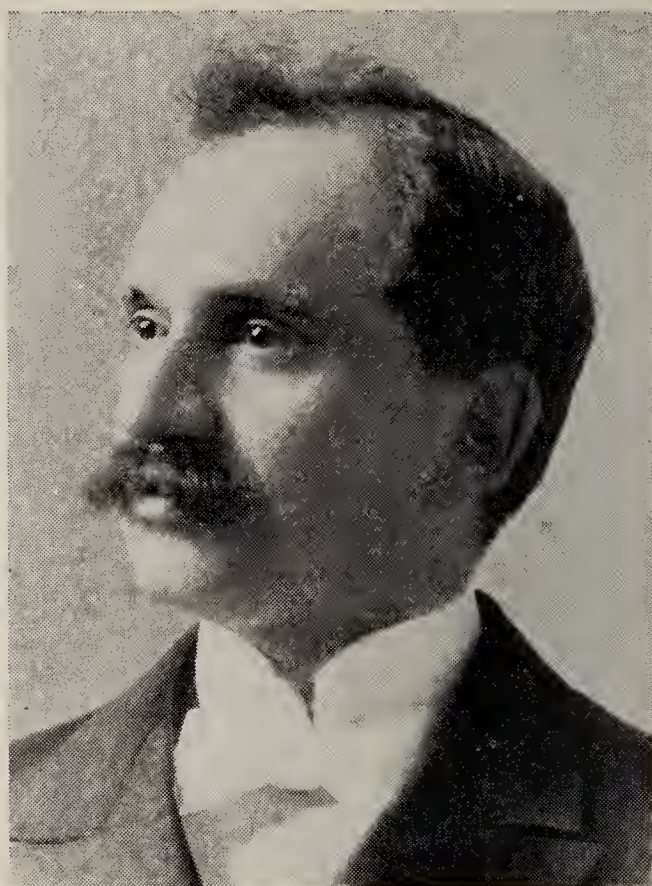
The Makaria Fraternity was founded in 1904 as an outgrowth of the Bible School class of Zayma King, daughter of Theophilus King. She asked her brother, Delce-vare, to lead her class when she married. Makaria from the Greek meaning "higher happiness", the name suggested by Mr. John O. Hall, Jr., continued as an active young men's organization for nearly half a century and later became the Men's Bible Class.

Another group organized in 1904 was the Philathea Class. Starting as the Sunday school class of Mrs. Charles

W. Miller, it merged into a Bible Class and, under the leadership of Mrs. Miller, functioned for 20 years. The group of young women met each Sunday for Bible history and once a month socially. One member recalls the dances and socials sponsored jointly by the Makaria and Philathea where more than one Makaria member met the young lady who became his wife.

October 22, 1905 to April 7, 1912 Madame Ellen Beale Morey was organist and choir director.

In April, 1906 Mr. Eber E. Craig was appointed first Pastor's Assistant and served effectively until April 3, 1908.



DR. EDWIN NOAH HARDY

The baptismal font in the sanctuary was given in 1907 in memory of Franklin H. Hardwick, deacon from 1882 to 1901, by his daughter, Carrie Hardwick Bigelow.

January 16, 1907: "Voted unanimously that cushions and a carpet be purchased for the Church providing the necessary funds are forth-coming, preference to be given to the cushions."

The 75th Anniversary of the Church was observed April 5 and 7, 1907. Anniversary Day ceremonies were held on Friday, the 5th, with an afternoon program and a banquet. On Sunday, the 7th the Reverend Edward Norton preached the Anniversary Sermon, Bible School was addressed by Deacon Ernest W. Branch, Communion Service was held at 3, Young Peoples' Service was at 6:15, and a "Reminiscent Service" at 7:30 concluded with an address, "The Retrospect and the Prospect," by the pastor.

January 15, 1908: Annual meeting reported 457 membership.

Mr. Hardy, born in Nelson, N. H. on March 1, 1861, died in his 91st year in Keene, N. H. on August 16, 1950.

1912-1915

A stirring preacher, a great crusader active in matters of social action and community interest, the Reverend Benjamin A. Willmott voiced a call for civic righteousness especially during a series of powerful Sunday evening services which drew congregations beyond the seating capacity of

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the sanctuary. Installed April 7, 1912 he left a record of accomplishment remarkable for his relatively short pastorate of three years. He was called to Roxbury in April, 1915.

Alice Shepard served from April 14, 1912 to June, 1912 as organist and choir director.

"Agnes went to the Quincy church today as organist for the first time." So noted the diary of the mother of Agnes Ruggles later to become Agnes Ruggles Allen under the entry for July 7, 1912.

The consolidation of the ladies' organizations of the church was suggested by Mr. Willmott, who stressed the need of united interest and work among the different societies of the church. Accordingly the Women's Union of Bethany Church was officially formed in February, 1913 when the Harmony Circle united with the Women's Missionary Society. Its first officers were president, Mrs. H. Everett Crane; first vice president, Mrs. John F. Welch; second vice president, Mrs. George Badger; secretary, Mrs. Charles Sampson; treasurer, Mrs. Charles W. Guy. Increased activity and enthusiasm emerged from this union. Prior to the consolidation Mrs. Charles W. Miller had been president of the Missionary Society from 1906-1913 preceded by Mrs. H. E. C. Burns.

During Mr. Willmott's pastorate the parsonage on President's Lane, then Goffe Street, was presented to the church by Richard D. Chase, Senior Deacon, one of his many gifts to Bethany.

Prior to 1914, before church calendars were preserved in bound form, there is little information on Bethany organized men's activities, although in 1907 there is a record of Bethany Church Brotherhood. Indeed, before World War I, few older men's organizations were to be found anywhere outside the Y.M.C.A. in which the local Protestant Churches participated. Bethany always had a large group of their men at such gatherings.

Bethany Brotherhood for older men was organized and met each Sunday following the church service at the same time as the Makaria Class for younger men. Supper (served for 35 cents) and an evening



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of sociability were scheduled on the second Wednesdays of each month, summer excepted.

Mr. Willmott, born in England in 1867, served several other churches after leaving Bethany, and was moderator of the Massachusetts State Conference in 1929. He died in Northampton, Mass., in 1947.

1916-1918

The Reverend Thomas C. Richards, also a native of England, was installed in 1916. A kindly and devoted leader, he served Bethany for only two years before he was called to Medford, remaining there as Pastor Emeritus until his death in 1926.

1919-1928

The Reverend A. W. Remington served as supply minister during a short period before the Reverend Eric I. Lindh was installed in December, 1919. Mr. Lindh, a native of Chicago, had been ordained a Baptist minister in 1893, and had entered the Congregational fellowship in 1904. He came to Bethany from a pastorate in South Manchester, Conn. In his earlier years he had served as moderator of the Rhode Island State Conference.

Quincy was growing. Business property was increasing in value. The time seemed ideal for Bethany to re-establish itself in a new location outside the most congested area. Mr. Theophilus King, a Bethany member since 1875, made a proposal which was accepted by the Church on June 10, 1926 whereby the Granite Trust Company, now the South Shore National Bank, purchased the church building and land, while at the same time a very desirable new site was made available at the corner of Coddington and Spear Streets.

Memorable months were those as Bethany members took the first tremendous step by voting to accept Mr. King's proposal. The Building Committee with Ernest W. Branch, chairman, including Mrs. Hattie M. Spear, Frank P. Sullivan, Fred H. Nickerson (first chairman, died October 17, 1926), John O. Hall, Jr., Carle R. Hayward, Ernest L. Collins and John F. Hunt labored long on building plans. The church drove hard for funds. The Finance Committee with Henry P. Hayward, chairman, included Miss Alice Dunn, Mrs. Jonathan S. Swingle, Richard Bishop, Roscoe R. Ricker, and Alfred C. Sampson. The first sod was turned April 16, 1927 and the corner stone was laid September 8, 1927.

The last service in the old church was held April 10, 1928, when members, hymn books in hand, bade farewell to their old home and marched singing to the new building. Their leader was Mr. Benjamin F. Hodgkinson, for nearly fifty years an inspiration to the youth of Bethany and the

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community.

Sunday services in the new church were held in the social hall until November 18, 1929 when the sanctuary in the main church was formally occupied. Dedication services were held January 6-13, 1929.

A plaque in the sanctuary commemorates Theophilus King, 1844-1935, and Helen Louise (Baxter) King, devoted members and donors of the King Family Fund with Annual Gifts to all Quincy Churches of all faiths and especially to Bethany Church.

Two new service groups were organized at this time, the Service Club, formed by Miss Laura "Auntie" Hayward in 1927 for girls of high school age which continued to meet for several years at the church and at her home on Chestnut Street; and the Tri-S Club organized in February, 1929 with Mrs. James E. Hardy as advisor.

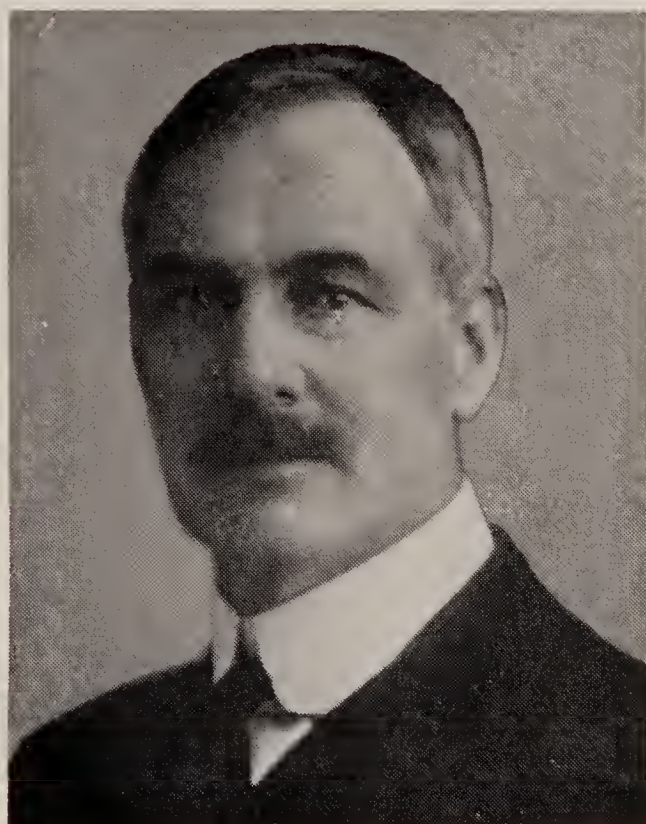
The Tri-S, their motto embodied in the three "S's"—Service, Spirituality and Sociability—brought such speakers as Margaret Slattery, Margaret Eggleston Owens and Rabbi Levi to Bethany and through the years have presented many gifts to the church. They gave the sanctuary pulpit, the candelabra in the sanctuary, and a cross now used in the chapel, carpeting for the chapel, and presented at Easter, 1955, one hundred fifty hymn books.

Colorful velvet seat cushions in the chancel were given in memory of Richard Bishop, for many years deacon of Bethany church.

The lectern in the sanctuary was given by Mrs. Eliza Hardwick Burns in memory of Mrs. Bessie Burns Hall, wife of Mr. John O. Hall, Jr.

Part of the Louis K. Wales bequest provided part of the chancel furnishings.

During the early years of their reorganization, the Women's Union by means of suppers, entertainments, food sales and church fairs worked toward a Chapel Fund, which, started in 1915, in 1926 had grown to \$4,577.31. They also added to the church and chapel an enlarged pulpit platform, costumes for the pageants, a



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tea wagon for the kitchen, rugs, curtains, chairs, tea urns and an electric heater for the Ladies' Parlor.

The pulpit in the chapel was given by friends in memory of Ernest W. Branch, superintendent of the church school for many years, and deacon from 1898 through 1921.

A plaque in the chapel in memory of George R. Smalley, 1838-1893; Warren C. Comey, 1821-1919; Charles H. Hardwick 1824-1894; Daniel L. F. Chase, 1841-1920; Caroline S. Hubbard, 1846-1923 indicates that parts of the funds left by each of these for the benefit of this church were used in erecting this Memorial Chapel.

Panels of the original stained glass window presented by Deacon Richard D. Chase on the 75th Anniversary of the church have sections in the present chapel windows in memoriam Jane Murdock Duncan, Amelia L. Bumpus, and Ruth Williams. The stained glass window in the church office commemorates Deacon R. Smalley, member of this church from 1838 to 1893.

The last meeting of the Women's Union in the old church was held April 4, 1928 when over 100 were in attendance. Their first meeting in the new church was their annual May Luncheon held in the social hall on May 2. The members, now divided into ten teams, had earned the sum of \$1,500 which was used to finish and furnish the kitchen and the ladies' parlor. Plates and cups were bought with a gift of \$50 from Mrs. Norton, widow of the former pastor; a fireplace set was contributed by Arthur, Ernest and Walter Fitts in memory of their mother, Mrs. Helen F. Fitts, a former president; a telechron clock was given by Mrs. William E. Alden and a piano was contributed by Mrs. John F. Welch, also a former president. Mrs. Tait and Mr. John O. Hall, Jr., each gave a sewing machine. A drop curtain for the social hall stage was also a gift of the women.

Bethany Brotherhood, which was discontinued at the close of the Reverend Mr. Richards' pastorate, was reorganized in October, 1921 as Bethany Men. Early in 1926 Mr. Lindh started a Men's Discussion Class which continued with increasing strength in the new church, meeting in the chapel and generally filling it. In the fall of 1928 the Men's Class and Makaria each was in competition for an enrollment of 100 men.

The chief aim of the Women's Union at this time was to be of real assistance in bearing the expense of something definite in the new church, and so in March they voted to pledge \$15,000 toward the new organ fund to be paid in five years. However, Miss Cora and Miss Laura Hayward

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offered to pay for the organ so the Union earmarked the amount to finish the kitchen and ladies' parlor. Over \$2,000 was earned by the teams during the year and their first installment of \$3,000 was paid in December, 1927 toward the Building Fund.

1929-1935

Interesting new activities in the new building found Mr. Lindh a tireless worker, admirably equipped to carry Bethany through this period of transition. He continued his pastorate until January, 1935, when he retired to move to Brookfield, Mass., later serving as pastor there.

In 1929 Bethany Men's Class became known as the Bethany Men's Club under a Board of Directors, and continued active until the Second World War.

Bethany Centennial Celebration was held April 3-8, 1932. Events included an historical sermon by the pastor on Sunday, April 3. with a Pageant and Panorama in the evening. A Fellowship Banquet was held on Tuesday, April 5, and a Women's Union Memorial Service on Wednesday. The grand climax was a Civic Community Night on Friday, April 8. The Massachusetts State Conference held its annual session in Bethany in June, a further tribute to the 100th Anniversary of Bethany.

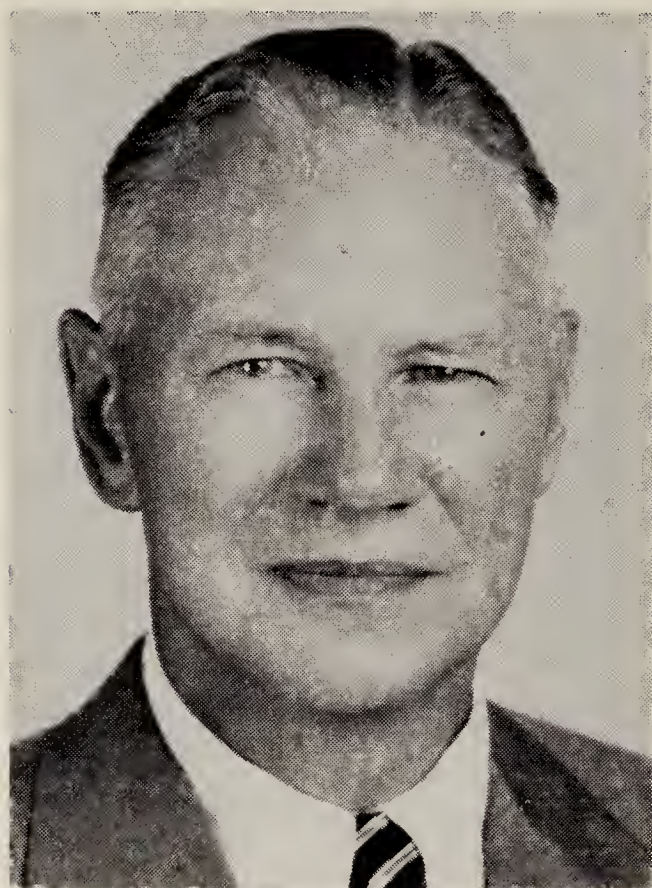
In April, 1931, the last \$1,000 of the pledge of the Women's Union was paid in the Building Fund and on October 23, with appropriate exercises at a church supper in the Social Hall, the pledge was burned, thus ending a chapter begun in 1915, a chapter written indeed in "sweat and some tears."

The Mothers' Club, formed in 1931 by Miss Laura Howe for young mothers who could not easily attend the daytime meetings of the Union, through the years has been in charge of a nursery class which cares for young children during the church services. They have also contributed to the Women's Union project of modernizing the kitchens, and have provided visual aids for the church school. At their meetings noted doctors and lecturers have discussed family spiritual and health problems.

Under Mr. Lindh's pastorate the Reverend Theodore S. Dar-



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rah, now Dean of Chapel and Professor in Religion at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, was inspired to the ministry. The Reverend Mr. Darrah was ordained in Ellington, Conn., in 1939.

1935-1954

Bethany grew rapidly under the pastorate of the Reverend George E. Gilchrist, a gifted preacher with special talents of organization. He was the architect of the modern Bethany. During his years the staff of ministry was developed, the modern businesslike administration was adopted, and lay leadership was expanded and brought to an unusual degree of zeal and har-

mony. The district system of parish organization, a new set of church by-laws, and membership of over one thousand were some of Bethany's advances under Mr. Gilchrist. He also served nation-wide on the Prudential Committee of the American Board.

A new Philathea Class was organized by Mrs. Victor Bigelow in 1935 from the members of her Sunday School class. This group met each Sunday for Bible study and once a month for social activities. The Bible study class was gradually discontinued and the group became part of the Women's Union, first known as the First Nighters and now the Friendship Group.

In 1935 the Union began the yearly custom of pledging \$1,000 to the current expenses of the church besides contributing to foreign and home missions and local benevolences. The afternoon sessions were diversified with devotions, business, music, lecture or missionary talks. On Mrs. Elizabeth Alden's death this tribute was given in her memory: "her personal presence among us will be missed, but her memory will be as the sweet fragrance of a flower."

The Chancel Fund, begun in 1935, amounting to \$2,240 in 1953 was turned over to the Beautification and Prudential committees to be used for the renovation of the chancel at the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

The Bethany Players was formed in 1936 to provide all in the church who are interested in the various phases of the drama a congenial opportunity to meet for programs

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of interest and to serve the church by staging religious pageants and dramas. Under the direction of Edward A. Bohlen the power of church drama has vividly portrayed the message of Christmas and of Easter.

The outstanding event of 1938 was the Birthday Supper to celebrate ten years in the new church. Each table displayed a birthday cake with ten lighted candles given in memory of former faithful members or friends of Bethany Church.

May 8, 1938: "A new young women's group Amicitians, composed of twenty-five (public school) teachers, who have not been associated with any of our other church social organizations has been meeting monthly since January at the home of Mrs. Carle R. Hayward. **Amicitia** signifies friendship."

This group has made gifts to the church such as the purchasing and installing of the oak information holders and pencil racks in each pew, the presentation of a new American flag and a new Christian flag for the sanctuary, service projects during the wars, the palms for Palm Sunday, and the "grabs" for children at the annual fairs.

In 1939 an Evening Group of the Women's Union was formed of young business women of the church. An active group of over forty members, in 1950 they presented a communion table to the church in memory of their first president, Miss Ellen Sandison; they redecorated and refurnished the religious education office in 1953, redecorated the church parlor in 1957, and gave two new business desks for the church office. A pair of altar vases was given in memory of Mr. Lindh. Following World War II they adopted Mr. and Mrs. Eric Arnold in Germany, sending them much-needed food and clothing and warm letters of friendship. This friendly relationship still continues.

The Bethany News Letter was started in April, 1940 under the editorship of Mr. John O. Hall, Jr. In June, 1941, he wrote: "The present organist, Mrs. Agnes Ruggles Allen, is completing this month her twenty-sixth year as organist and choir director of Bethany Church." (Mrs. Allen was about three years away from the console after her marriage.) He quoted a Boston paper as stating that there then were only two church organs of cathedral proportions in the Metropolitan area . . . one in Bethany Church, Quincy. Perhaps to show the measure of the organist, the editor included some data on the instrument by which Mrs. Allen interprets worship through music.

"It was built by William W. Laws of Beverly, Mass. Some of the pipes from the Ryder organ in the old church were incorporated in it. There are really a series of organs, housed for the most part, behind the grills in the chancel

ceiling, while the Echo organ with the chimes, is located high up behind the screen near the west window. The console, is the visible part in the chancel. The blower, which furnishes the wind for the pipes, is placed in the remote cellar below the chapel."

Mr. Hall continued for ten years with monthly mimeographed letters until failing health forced him to retire. He died August 2, 1957.

In 1942 the death of Mrs. Theophilus King brought to a close a long and active life of one who was always interested in the Women's Union.

Noteworthy of Mr. Gilchrist's pastorate were his retreats for men, held on a Sunday afternoon and evening, usually in February. An outstanding minister inspired the men with an address in the sanctuary, followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion of the message, in the social hall. Then, after refreshments, a parting message from the same inspiring speaker in the sanctuary closed the evening with worship.

During the war years articles for recreation were contributed by the Women's Union to the U.S.O., home made cookies went to the Service Men's recreation room in the basement of the First Parish Church, and Christmas boxes to men in the service. A Red Cross sewing unit provided many articles for hospital use, and knitted articles for the Seamen's Friend Society. Members of the Union and Evening Group sold war savings stamps and bonds at department stores, in recognition of which Mrs. Norman E. Dow, president, was presented an Award of Honor by the U. S. Treasury Department. In honor of Mrs. Mary Melcher, a deaconess of the church, and captain of the Mary Melcher Team of the Women's Union, a room for nurses at the Cushing Hospital was furnished.

During the war, Bethany Men's Club attendance naturally fell off, but interest remained high and excellent programs such as talks by Herbert Black, War News Editor of the Boston Globe and Saville Davis of the Christian Science Monitor were offered.

Under Mr. Gilchrist, Bethany men gave their time and labor in renovating the walls, ceilings and floors of the social hall and parish house, thereby saving the church hundreds of dollars.

At the annual meeting in January, 1942, Mr. Carle Hayward, nominating committee chairman, paid Mrs. Mary Melcher, who had served so faithfully for many years as deaconess, the special tribute of moving that she be elected deaconess for life. The church meeting set aside the rotation

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of office section of the by-laws for this one instance so to vote, and by the sustained applause the meeting indicated enthusiastic unanimity.

The Reverend Hugh MacCallum served as Associate Minister from September, 1943 to December, 1944, followed by the Reverend Robert W. Savidge in a similar capacity from January, 1945 to June, 1947.

The Fifty-fifty (50/50) Club organized in 1946, for young married couples has provided for improving the acoustics in the sanctuary and has given the asphalt tile floor for the social hall along with the social programs for group fellowship. The group is in the process of re-organization.

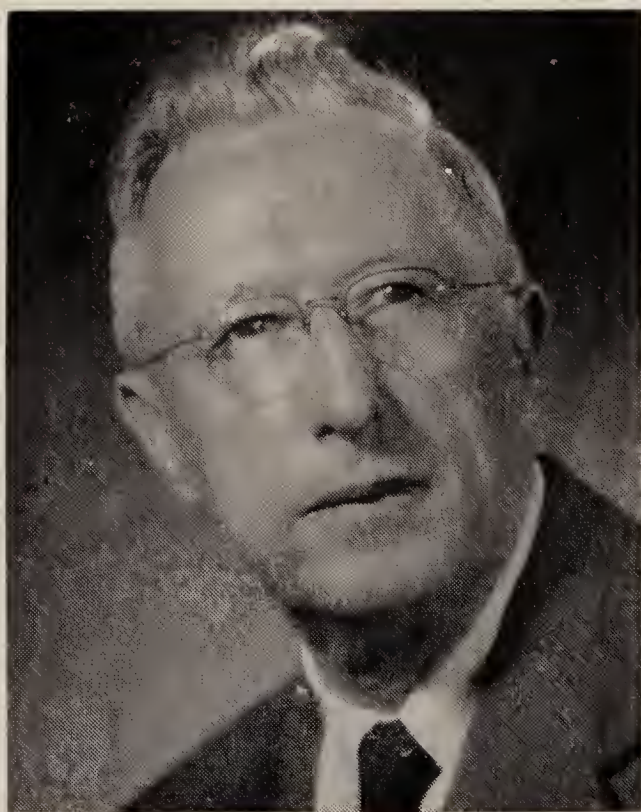
Very active work was carried on by the members of the Women's Union in 1947 at the Church World Service Center in Boston where clothing was collected, cleaned, mended and distributed to 30 different foreign countries.

During a period of about two years in which Mr. Gilchrist was forced to relinquish his duties because of illness, the church was fortunate in securing the Reverend Frederick J. Bishop as Associate and Interim Minister from June, 1947 to June, 1949.

To Mr. Bishop, a man of fine spiritual qualities, the church owes a deep debt of gratitude for carrying on the work of Bethany, and contributing importantly to the further growth of the church in services and membership. He resigned to accept an interim pastorate in Brookline, following which he and Mrs. Bishop spent the summer of 1950 in England where he preached in several Greater London pulpits. In 1951 he accepted a permanent pastorate in Randolph, Mass., continuing there until he passed away June 24, 1955.

In June, 1949, the Reverend Tom R. Barbour came to Bethany as Minister of Religious Education, serving in that capacity until February, 1952, when he was called to accept a similar position in New Britain, Conn. His ability in leadership, coupled with tireless energy, was of inestimable value in promoting the work of the church school and young peoples' organizations.

In 1949 the Women's Union increased their mission pledge



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to \$400 a year. Boxes of used clothing were sent to home mission areas in the middle West and "Care" packages went to Germany. The Birzgalis family, Renis, Milda and Rasma, displaced persons from Latvia, sponsored by the church were aided with clothing, and the Van Dalia Home for convalescents was adopted as a project for friendly visits.

The Reverend Thomas W. Davison was called to Bethany in October, 1949 as Associate Minister with special emphasis in pastoral calling. He devoted untiring attention to hospital calls and other visits to those in need of his kindly and helpful counsel. He retired in May, 1951.

A Student Fund for Church Vocations was created by the Church Committee in 1950 for the purpose of giving financial assistance to Bethany young people pursuing various church vocations. The fund was first established as a War Memorial to six Bethany young men who gave their lives in World War II, but has recently come to honor others too, in memoriam.

The living memorial oak tree shading the minister's study was given by his parents for Lieutenant Thomas Babbitt Bates.

In February, 1950 the first issue of the News Letter appeared in its present printed form, and since has been published regularly, at least eight issues a year, by the Publicity Committee.

Mrs. Mary Melcher, a devoted worker in the Women's Union for 40 years died in 1951 and in her memory her team presented beautiful silver candelabra to the Union.

The very interesting and successful Men's Bible Class, conducted by the Reverend John H. Scammon, Professor at Andover Newton, enriched and stimulated the men of Bethany during the years 1950-1955.

Mrs. Heslip E. Sutherland, missionary chairman of the Women's Union in 1952 toured the mission centers in Puerto Rico, bringing back a vivid picture of her experiences.

The Reverend Kenneth C. Bunker was installed on February 15, 1952, as Associate Minister and Director of Religious education, very effectively contributing materially in this dual capacity to the progress of Bethany.

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During Mr. Gilchrist's pastorate, the 25th Anniversary of the present church building was observed, September 27 to October 4, 1953. Guest minister at the Sunday service on the 27th was Dr. Halford E. Luccock. A Tea and Open House was held Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Women's Union, the Anniversary Banquet followed on Thursday, October 1, and the World Wide Communion Service on Sunday, October 4. In preparation for this anniversary, funds were raised for church renovation through the sale of memorial candles and certificates of participation.

Dedicated at this time were new chancel appointments: the gold altar cross, designed and executed by the donor, Mrs. A. Warren Stewart; a dossal cloth of red velvet for the oak reredos, the reredos itself being a gift of Deacon Frank B. Curry in September, 1950; a red chancel carpet, gift of Donald and Roger Kent, a carved chancel rail, and a leather bound, illuminated, hand engrossed Book of Remembrance, a memorial to the Reverend Eric I. Lindh.

In 1953, unique in the history of the church and the Women's Union, was the ordination of two Bethany young men to the Christian ministry at Bethany Church. Roy D. Colby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Colby, was ordained at services here May 24, and Walter F. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Smith, on June 7. A supper for relatives, friends and official church representatives was provided by the teams to which their mothers belonged.

The State Conference again honored Bethany by holding its annual meeting here May 17-19, 1954.

The Women's Union, now comprising 11 teams, each meeting monthly and coming together at the regular Union meetings, is dominated by enthusiasm for their tremendous activities. On April 15, 1954, at services in the Chapel, a memorial chapel organ was dedicated in honor of Agnes Ruggles Allen. Originating as a project of the Women's Union, the organ, a Baldwin electronic instrument, is a gift from past and former members and Bethany organizations in memory of friends and relatives.

Mr. Gilchrist resigned from Bethany in September, 1954 to travel abroad and especially to visit the Holy Land. Upon his return he and Mrs. Gilchrist were commissioned to carry on a nation-wide lecture tour for the Missions Council, stressing the work of and need for foreign missions.

1954-

The Reverend John D. Banks was called to Bethany from Hope Church of Springfield, Mass. by vote of the Church at a special meeting July 19, 1954, preaching his first sermon as minister here on September 19. A major innovation of his pastorate has been the establishment of a schedule of two services on Sunday, at 9:30 and 11. The early service has proved popular especially with the younger members who can attend church while their children are in the church school.

Mr. Banks has brought to Bethany a happy combination of ability, energetic enthusiasm and devotion to duty which is contributing much to Bethany's progress. Some future historian will have the pleasant assignment of recounting the accomplishments during the present span of years in the Bethany story.

Mr. Bunker resigned as Associate Minister and Director of Religious Education in July 1955 to accept a pastorate in Mystic, Conn.

The years 1955 and 1956 were active and fruitful ones for the Women's Union. Mrs. Sutherland, chairman of the Friendly Service Work of the Suffolk District, visited the Middle East in the summer of 1955, bringing back a realistic picture of the refugee there. The renovation of the kitchens with modern conveniences, planned by the women for many years, was begun in 1955, and in 1956 they purchased 15 tables in addition to the first 12, and 150 chairs for the social hall, and voted to give an additional \$1,000 to the church and to pay for half of the carpeting of the sanctuary.

Mr. Benjamin F. Hodgkinson died Augst 7, 1956. A deacon of the church, a teacher in the church school for 27 years, and known as Quincy's "No. 1 Volunteer Worker" he helped organize the Community Chest and was awarded the Red Cross service medal for his work as chairman of the First Aid Division during World War II. He, with Mr. William Edmonston, organized the first Boy Scout troop in Quincy in 1910 which met in the cellar of Mr. Edmonston's home. On December 9, 1956 a pulpit Bible, covered in red sealskin and embossed in gold lettering, the gift of the Bethany Boy Scouts, Quincy Council (BSA), Bethany Churchmen, and an anonymous donor, was dedicated in memory of "Ben" at Sunday morning services.

On August 15, 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Pieter Havers and their two children, brought to this country from Holland through the auspices of Church World Service, and sponsored

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by Bethany Church, were welcomed at South Station by Bethany members and provided by the Women's Union with canned goods and linens for their new home here.

Over 1000 pounds of good used clothing was sent to missions areas during 1956, money went to Jaffna College for a bicycle project as well as for Christian education books; and on Christmas Eve, layettes for small children of Hungarian refugees were placed in a creche in the sanctuary. Missionary speakers have brought a vivid picture of the desperate need in other lands, and the women are fulfilling the destiny of their early missionary beginnings in their generous response.

In response to a growing feeling that Bethany Men's Organization should be more comprehensive in scope and purpose, Bethany men are endeavoring to add to their social and intellectual fellowship a new and definite emphasis on religion and service. The new organization is called Bethany Churchmen, and offers to all men of the parish, through eight service groups, real participation in the larger life of Bethany by enlisting their interest through a particular activity of their own choice.

In September 1955, the Reverend and Mrs. Orvel C. Crowder came to Bethany, Mr. Crowder as Associate Minister and Mrs. Crowder as Director of Religious Education.



THE REVEREND AND MRS. CROWDER
as they greeted members and friends of Bethany at the reception
just before they left for Tennessee

Mr. and Mrs. Crowder resigned July 31, 1957 to go to Milligan College, Milligan, Tenn., where Mr. Crowder was appointed Professor of Old and New Testaments and Minister of the Hopwood Memorial Campus Chapel.

The services of Mr. and Mrs. Crowder had become available to Bethany primarily because of their residence in this part of the country while Mr. Crowder did post graduate work at Harvard University. It was a fortunate circumstance that made it possible for Bethany to have the benefit of their leadership in their respective fields for nearly two years. This appreciation of Bethany people was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Crowder at a reception held in the church shortly before they left for Tennessee.

The Reverend Z. William Colson Jr., has been named associate minister and director of religious education to succeed the Reverend and Mrs. Crowder.

Bethany's influence for good, will continue to affect people and places as yet unknown through the lives of William H. Anderson, Ralph Colby, Arthur Dunham, and Robert Fenby, all Bethany young men dedicated in their preparation for the ministry. The Reverend Loring Roberts is already serving a pastorate in Haverhill, Mass. The Reverend Gordon Avery is now minister of the First Congregational Church in Raynham Center.

Miss Irene MacCauley, outstanding in guidance in the religious education field, is serving the Community Church in Snyder, New York.

The former Miss Mary Schmitz, now Mrs. William Slough, former Editor on the Publishers Board of the Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, and an honor graduate from the Union Theological School in New York City, is now married to the Reverend William Slough who is the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. Agnes Allen, now starting on her 43rd year as organist and choir director, remembers the frigid winter evening set for the performance of the oratorio **The Holy City**, when the comfort of a hot brick beside her at the console served to limber her stiff fingers. In 1927 she felt that increased dignity in worship came with the change into a vested choir, thus omitting the soprano and contralto hats often bedecked with bobbing roses.

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May Mrs. Allen continue graciously and expertly as ever, interpreting through her own life and the eloquence of her artistry the Word of God through music.



In this brief historical account there has been little opportunity to give proper expression to the debt of gratitude which Bethany owes the loyal helpmates of her ministers.

Time after time through this century and a quarter the records tell of invaluable faithful service performed by ministers, wives in the church school, on important committees, and in women's groups.



MRS. AGNES RUGGLES ALLEN

Above all, though, their devotion to the church and their sympathetic understanding of pastoral problems have provided inspiration and guidance for our spiritual leaders.

Who can adequately measure how much of Bethany's progress is really due to the wife of the minister?



The Honor Roll of Years has been rich in lives worth living and in gifts worth giving, but the hundreds of worthy names herein NOT listed, and the countless UN-NAMED gifts of money, time, energy, skill, interest, love and devotion have in the most real sense advanced Bethany to this 125th anniversary, and God willing, will continue to enrich Bethany materially and spiritually through the years to come.



“THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH” in drama and song presented by the church school during Family Week in May 1957 was based on the theme of the year’s course of study: “The Church.” Appearing in the drama were, from left: Richard Phillips, Lynn Batchelder, David Allen, Douglas Rand, Lauren Duncan, Carol Swindler and William Ullstrom.

(Photo by Robert Leo Eng)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—PRIMARY CONCERN AT BETHANY

“Christian Faith and Life” is the general theme of church school studies at Bethany. A three-year cycle of Bible-based courses of study unites all departments in worship, discussion, and creative activities. The home is brought into the endeavor through parent-teacher magazines, pupil guides for daily readings, and home projects.

Family worship services bring children, parents and teachers together in the church once a month prior to department sessions. “Family nights” offer seasonal meetings for worship, demonstrations, discussion, and educational films following an informal supper.

Excellent printed texts and special audio-visual aids are used in departments from nursery through adult.

Leadership training is carried on through midweek services, a community training school, and special classes.

A church school library has become an effective supplement to classwork.

Other activities with educational emphasis include: Youth, Junior, and Cherub Choirs, Scouting for boys and girls, Youth groups for Junior High, Senior High, Young Adults and Bethany Players, and athletic teams.

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MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Miss Bernice M. Reed, Chairman; Mrs. Graton G. Howland, Mrs. Peter Sletner, Miss Wilma H. Butler, Mrs. Dorothy L. Healey, Miss Robina Purdon.

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Peter Sletner, Chairman; Mrs. William H. Rendle, Jr., Secretary; Mrs. Ernestine Campbell, Albert E. Rendle, Robert S. Pinkham, Mrs. Henry F. Paterson, Jr., Mrs. Gilbert L. Crofts, Mrs. Hermon M. Noyes, John E. Krasinski, Mrs. Alfred P. Landers, Malcolm C. Walker, Treasurer.

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HEAD USHERS

Donald F. Sargent, First Service; Charles R. Irving, Second Service.

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First Service

Robert S. Beebe, Jr.
Ellis W. Belcher
William H. Best
C. Walter Deacon
Douglas S. Gordon
Charles Lew-Hanson
Leslie V. Loud
William R. Mewis
Albert C. Riddick
Carl S. Langley
Edward A. Shattuck
Clayton E. Simpson
Richard W. Troup
Robert J. Sands

Second Service

David W. Booth
Robert D. Carnathan
David L. Clough
Herbert D. Eldert, Jr.
Curtis M. Gifford
Ali Korpi
Andrew J. Lund, Jr.
Walter M. Smith, Sr.
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Merton Pomfret
Philip T. Frank
Alfred M. Toy
Carl E. Siddens

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H. Kenneth Hudson, Chairman



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125th Anniversary Program

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1957

11:00 A.M.

125TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE

MR. GEORGE B. HASTINGS, Guest Speaker
Moderator of the General Council of the
Congregational Christian Churches

Dedication of Memorial Gifts

DEVOTIONAL LEADERS

THE REV. JOHN D. BANKS
THE REV. Z. WILLIAM COLSON, JR.

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE CHANCEL CHOIR

AGNES RUGGLES ALLEN, Organist and Director
WALTER M. SMITH, Trumpeter

SUNDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 6, 1957

7:30 P.M.

HISTORICAL PAGEANT

Under Auspices of the Bethany Players
EDWARD A. BOHLKEN, Producer and Director
THE REV. JOHN D. BANKS, Author

Devotions led by
THE REV. Z. WILLIAM COLSON, JR.

OCTOBER 6-9

HALL OF MEMORIES

Exhibit of Historical Items of Bethany Church
in the
PARISH HOUSE

MRS. GILBERT L. CROFTS, Committee Chairman

Anniversary Dinner

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 6:30 P. M.

WALTER E. PIPER, Presiding

Introduction of Senior Members

Introduction of Former Staff Members
by HERMON M. NOYES, Moderator

Greetings. The REV. GEORGE E. GILCHRIST

Bethany Through the Years in Pictures

Old Time Songs

DR. JOHN E. WALLACE, Guest Speaker
Minister of First Congregational Church
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

MRS. ROLF M. GUNDERSEN, Dinner Chairman

125th Anniversary Committees

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Walter E Piper, Chairman

Rev. John D. Banks	H. Kenneth Hudson
Mrs. John E. Brennan	Heslip E. Sutherland
Mrs. William A. Wardwell	

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DINNER COMMITTEE

Mrs. Rolf M. Gundersen, Chairman	
Mrs. Munroe D. MacLean	Mrs. Andrew Warren Stewart
Mrs. William A. Wardwell	

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Miss Muriel Jean Goudey

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Walter E. Piper, Chairman	
Mrs. John E. Brennan	Miss Leila P. Hunt.
Mrs. Kyle C. Coburn	Robert S. Pinkham
Miss Muriel J. Goudey	Walter A. Schmitz

INVITATIONS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Miss Dorothy E. Fitts

MUSIC

Mrs. Agnes Ruggles Allen

HALL OF MEMORIES

Mrs. Gilbert L. Crofts, Chairman	
Miss Edith L. Cole	Mrs. J. Edward Egan
Mrs. William A. O'Connell	William Howe
Paul Crosby	Paul B. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rendle	

PUBLICITY

Mrs. John E. Brennan

Church Organizations

CHURCH SCHOOL

Rev. Z. William Colson, Jr., Director of Religious Education
Nursery—Mrs. William LaFavre, Superintendent
Kindergarten—Miss Joan Brigham, Superintendent
Primary—Mrs. O. Wendell Rogers, Superintendent
Junior—Mrs. John D. Banks, Superintendent
Intermediate—Mrs. Alexander Smart, Superintendent
Senior—Z. William Colson, Jr., Superintendent

WOMEN'S UNION

Mrs. Munroe D. MacLean, President

EVENING GROUP

Miss Eleanor G. Brown, President

MOTHERS' CLUB

Mrs. Robert H. Knowles, President

BETHANY PLAYERS

Edward A. Bohlken, Director

AMICITIANS

Miss Esther G. Sauter and Miss Agnes E. Berry, Co-Chairmen

TRI-S CLUB

Mrs. Ruth G. Graham, President

CHANCEL CHOIR

Mrs. Agnes Ruggles Allen, Director
Youth Choir—Mrs. Kenneth E. Webb, Director
Junior Choir—Mrs. Matthew Cushing, Director
Cherub Choir—Mrs O. Wendell Rogers, Director

BETHANY FELLOWSHIP

Robert Leo Eng and Mr. & Mrs. George R. Thompson, Advisors

BETHANY HI FELLOWSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. H. George Hoffmann, Advisors

JUNIOR HI FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. Harold B. Shields, Advisor

THE CONGREGATORS

Miss Josephine Hinckley, President

ATHLETICS

William L. Lipp, Chairman

BOY SCOUTS

John C. Bendix, Scoutmaster

CUB SCOUTS

Howard G. Phillips, Cubmaster

EXPLORER SCOUTS

Robert P. Nordstrom, Advisor

GIRL SCOUTS

Mrs. Robert C. Johnson, Leader

BROWNIE LEADER

Miss Ruth S. Jacobson

STAFF

Mrs. Laura Howe, 1929-1934

(Office Secretary and Director of Religious Education)

Mrs. Marion S. Neal, 1935-1950 (Office Secretary)

(1935-1949 Director of Religious Education)

Miss Leila P. Hunt, July 1, 1950 Interim Secy. for six months

(1949 to date Church School Secretary)

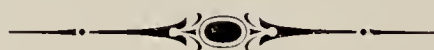
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Wooldridge, Nov. 28, 1950 to Dec. 15, 1953

(Office Secretary)

Mrs. Ruth S. Kinsley, Dec. 15, 1953 to date

(Office Secretary)

Mr. Albert E. Rendle—present custodian



MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED BETHANY

Rev. Lyman Beecher, Supply	1831
Rev. T. Field, Supply	1832
Rev. Stephen S. Smith, Supply	1832-1834
Rev. William M. Cornell	1834-1839
Rev. William Allen	1841-1849
Rev. Nelson Clark	1850-1857
Rev. Joseph Henry Thayer, Supply,	1858-1859
Rev. Oliver P. Brown, Supply	1859-1862
Rev. Edward P. Thwing	1862-1867
Rev. James E. Hall	1868-1873
Rev. Edward Norton	1874-1895
Rev. Edwin Noah Hardy	1895-1911
Rev. Benjamin A. Willmott,	1912-1915
Rev. Thomas C. Richards	1916-1918
Rev. A. W. Remington, Supply	1919
Rev. Eric I. Lindh	1919-1935
Rev. George E. Gilchrist	1935-1954
Rev. John D. Banks	1954-

YOUNG PEOPLE'S (STUDENT) ASSISTANTS

Mr. E. E. Craig	1906-1908
Mr. William McInnes	1937-1938
Miss Esther Springer	1938-1939
Mr. Ralph Chapman	1939-1941
Mr. Harold Stuart	1941-1942
Mr. George Dolch	1942-1943
Mr. George Lockwood	1943-1944
Mr. Warren Steinkraus	1944

ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

Rev. Hugh MacCallum	1943-1944
Rev. Robert M. Savidge	1945-1947
Rev. Frederick J. Bishop	1947-1949
(Associate and Interim Minister)	
Rev. Tom R. Barbour	1949-1952
(Minister of Religious Education)	
Rev. Thomas W. Davidson	1949-1951
Rev. Kenneth C. Bunker	1952-1955
Rev. Orvel C. Crowder	1955-1957
Rev. Z. William Colson, Jr.	1957-

SUPERINTENDENTS OF BETHANY BIBLE SCHOOL

Cotton Pratt	1837-1838	W. H. Fay	1895-1898
Daniel Sawyer	1838-1841	E. W. Branch	1899-1900
Cotton Pratt	1841-1842	Charles Sampson	1900-1905
Rev. William M.		Eber E. Craig	1906-1908
Cornell	1842-1843	Ernest W. Branch	1908-1912
William Pratt	1843-1860	Melvin P. Hay-	
Elbridge Clapp	1860-1869	ward	1912-1920
C. W. Carter	1869-1892	E. W. Branch	1920-1921
Dr. C. T. Sherman	1893-1894	Frank C. Blake	1921-1922

Reorganized into departmental superintendents 1922

Renamed BETHANY CHURCH SCHOOL with departmental superintendents 1923

Joseph W. Thomas	1924-25	Franklin C. Davis	1935-36
John F. Fairbanks	1925-27	H. Kenneth Hudson	1936-37
Joseph W. Thomas	1927-28	Miss Nellie Perry	1937-38
Ernest W. Branch	1929-34		

DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Marion S. Neal	1935-1950
The Reverend R. Barbour	1950-1951
The Reverend Kenneth C. Bunker	1952-1954
Mrs. Anna May Crowder	1955-1957
The Reverend Z. William Colson, Jr.	1957-

MODERATORS

Benj. R. Downes	1832-1849	Chas. Hardwick	*1855-1856
David Stetson	1849-1850	R. B. Leuchass	1856-1857
William Pratt	1850-1851	John Hardwick	1857-1860
Charles Spear	*1851-1852	Rev. Oliver	
John Hardwick	1852-1853	Brown	*1860-1861
William Pratt	1853-1854	James S. Baxter	1861-1862
Charles Spear	1854-1855		

(No record for the next several years; it is believed that the minister acted).

Elbridge Clapp	1868- ?	Henry P. Hay-	
Theophilus King	1879-1880	ward	1922-1923
Elbridge Clapp	1880-1881	Ernest L. Collins	1923-1926
C. W. Carter	1881-1882	Albert L. Hayden	1926-1928
T. H. Wason	1882-1883	Ernest L. Collins	1928-1931
H. Walter Gray	1883-1884	Carle R. Hayward	1931-1941
Elbridge Clapp	1884-1885	Hermon M. Noyes	1941-1944
C. W. Carter	1885-1887	Carle R. Hayward	1944-1946
T. H. Wason	1887-1890	Hermon M. Noyes	1946-1948
Elbridge Clapp	1890-1893	Heslip E.	
H. Walter Gray	1893-1894	Sutherland	1948-1950
James F. Merrill	1894-1895	Hermon M. Noyes	1950-1952
H. Walter Gray	1895-1896	Walter E. Piper	1952-1954
Ernest W. Branch	1896-1901	Irvin B. Gifford	1954-1956
Delcevere King	1901-1902	H. Kenneth	
Ernest W. Branch	1902-1903	Hudson	1956-1957
Frank W. Crane	1903-1917	Hermon M. Noyes	1957-
Albert L. Hayden	1917-1922		

* Appointed

CLERKS OR SCRIBES

Benjamin R.		James S. Baxter	1868-1892
Downes	1832-1849	William P. Bailey	1892-1893
Albert Pratt	1849-1851	James S. Baxter	1893-1895
Jonathan Baxter	1851-1852	Ernest D. Gourd	1895-1910
	(pro-tem)	John F. Hunt	1910-1920
George R.		Arthur B. Fitts	1920-1921
Smalley	1852-1855	Roscoe R. Ricker	1921-1925
Albert Pratt	1855-1856	Elsie S. Norris	1925-1935
Franklin Hard-		John B. Rupp	1935-1940
wick	1856-1860	Arthur C. Neville	1940-1943
Wm. Sheehan	1860-1865	Jos. W. Thomas	1943-1947
Rev. Oliver Brown	1865-1866	Kyle C. Coburn	1947-
C. W. Carter	1866-1868		

Miss J. Marion Nilsen was elected Assistant Clerk in 1950 and has served to the present time.

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TREASURERS

John Hardwick	1849-1860	William F.	
James S. Baxter	1860-1866	Sidelinger	1914-1916
C. W. Carter	1866-1868	Abbot L. Melcher	1916-1922
James S. Baxter	1868-1887	Chas. W. Moreton	1922-1926
William G. Comey	1887-1892	Roscoe R. Ricker	1926-1930
Dr. C. T. Sherman	1892-1895	James Moorhead,	
James S. Baxter	1895-1898	Jr.	1930-1944
Mrs. C. S. Hubbard	1898-1900	William W. Smith	1944-1945
Chas. W. Miller	1900-1911	George R. Young	1945-1948
George A.		William H. Booth	1948-1952
Sidelinger	1911-1912	Lawrence D.	
Chas. W. Miller	1912-1914	Duncan 3rd	1952-

ASSISTANT TREASURERS

George R. Young	1939-1942	B. Warren	
Raymond W.		French	1951-1954
Morse	1942-1944	Richard F. Booth and	
Geo. W. Roberts	1944-1945	Paul W. Smith	1954-1956
Andrew J. Lund	1945-1948	Craig Baldwin and	
Vincent D. Cox	1948-1951	Alfred J. Balerna	1957-

PRESIDENTS OF BETHANY WOMEN'S UNION

(Organized 1913)

Mrs. H. Everett Crane	1913-1914
Mrs. Franklin P. Horton	1914-1915
Mrs. Eben W. Sheppard	1915-1916
Mrs. Franklin P. Horton	1916-1918
Mrs. John F. Welch	1919-1920
Mrs. Jennie H. Hunt	1920-1921
Mrs. Hattie M. Spear	1921-1926
Mrs. Franklin P. Horton	1926-1927
Mrs. John C. Pierce	1927-1928
Mrs. William J. Lund	1928-1930
Mrs. David C. Reid	1930-1932
Mrs. William G. Shaw	1933-1934
Mrs. James E. Hardy	1935-1936
Mrs. Joseph E. Lund	1937-1938
Mrs. George R. Young	1939-1940
Mrs. Frank L. Peabody	1941-1942
Mrs. William Musgrave	1943-1944
(Mrs. Elmer Waters)	
Mrs. Norman E. Dow	1945-1946
(Mrs. Robert Reed)	
Mrs. Lyman C. Goodrich	1947-1948
Mrs. John E. Harrold	1949-1950



